



August 27, 2014

Dear Partner:

Thank you for your interest in our 20th National Public Lands Day (NPLD) event in Grand County. This packet is being sent because you have participated in one or more previous events or have requested the information on our NPLD site. NPLD is **September 27, 2014** and we are hoping to recruit 200 volunteers to help “lend a hand and care for the land”.

What’s New for 2014

We have a new partner this year! The Inn at SilverCreek is sponsoring our event downstairs in the Grand Ballroom. Parking will be available in the back by the condos. Please use the back entrance doors between the F and G condo sections so we won’t disturb other visitors at the main desk. Special lodging rates for the weekend are available for volunteers by using the code words “Federal Lands Day”. ***[See the flyer included in this packet.]***

We will be emphasizing non-motorized trails this year in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act. For those of you that are motorized recreationists we hope you will enjoy working alongside us and celebrating the “wild side”. A tree “cookie” branded with the Wilderness 50th logo will be available to those who wish a special reminder of the day.

2014 seems to be a magical year. In addition to the Wilderness Act 50th anniversary we are also celebrating Smokey’s 70th birthday! Volunteers will receive a commemorative Smokey pin at registration as a special thank you for remembering – “Only you can prevent Wildfires!”

Special Requests:

Our committee is always striving to improve our event. Please drop us a line or e -mail with suggestions on how we can make our site better. Contact names, addresses, and phone numbers can be found on Page 2. For those of you that love social media, you can tweet us at www.twitter.com/usfsarp or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/usfsarp or Grand County National Public Lands Day.

We also want our site to be better at conservation and leaving less of a carbon footprint. To help us, we are asking our volunteers again this year to bring along a cloth or canvas tote bag to collect our little “goodies” and/or a reusable water bottle so we can eliminate our need for plastic bags and water bottles. Please carpool wherever possible. Volunteers can reach out on our Grand County National Public Lands day Facebook page as drivers or riders.

We all want clean water. Arid western states are looking for access from alternative waterways to meet communities’ needs. Grand County is one of the “hot spots” to meet those needs from the Colorado and Fraser Rivers. People are concerned about water quality of area lakes and reservoirs and how to protect watersheds from damaging erosion from fires, floods and the mountain pine beetle infestation. To help

understand the issues, we would like to challenge our younger participants by monitoring watersheds on our project sites and sending in their observations and recordings. A water monitoring kit donated by the Water Environment Federation is available for testing turbidity, pH (acidity), dissolved oxygen levels and temperatures. Participants can discuss the issues with our land agency managers on any of the work sites. Who knows, we may have a budding hydrologist in our future.

Additional Information

The Interagency Fee Council has once again issued a special national, interagency free coupon in appreciation to all NPLD participants. The coupon is awarded to each volunteer, 16 years or older, upon registering at any participating NPLD event site on September 27, 2014. The coupons are valid for one day of entrance or day-use fees at participating federal land management agencies where the America the Beautiful Interagency Annual Pass is accepted (a list of agencies is shown on coupon back). The coupon is not valid at any concessionaire managed sites that do not honor the Interagency Pass and can not be used as a “discount” towards any annual or interagency pass purchase. Volunteers may use the voucher as “cash” at day-use areas having an envelope/fee tube setup where they would normally purchase a daily pass. Coupon holders may also redeem the voucher at any District office, visitor center, fee or entrance station, or by mailing the coupon to the federal land agency to exchange for a normal day pass for their favorite area. The coupon must be used by September 26, 2015.

To all photographers and/or videographers here’s your chance to be recognized nationally. The National Environmental Education Foundation (NEEF) sponsors photo and video contests every year with wonderful prizes. Contest rules and other information can be found on the www.publiclandsday.org website under the resources tab. Photo/video release forms can be found within this packet or on the website. Event photos will be available on our Grand County National Public Lands Day Facebook page for viewing after the event.

Please confirm ahead if you are planning on bringing a large group of 20 or more people by contacting either the USDA Forest Service (USFS), Bureau of Land Management (BLM) or Headwaters Trails Alliance (HTA) at the numbers listed below. We look forward to seeing you at one of our work sites!

If you are unable to attend this year’s event, but would still like to contribute, donations can be sent directly to HTA at PO Box 946; Granby, CO 80446-0946, or by contacting Maura McKnight at (970) 726-1013. A donation form is attached for your convenience towards the end of this packet. HTA is a non-profit 501(c) 3 organization and all donations are fully tax deductible. Please make note for funds to be designated for NPLD. Thank you again for your continued support and contribution to enhance our public lands.

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Projects

According to NEEF, Grand County is the largest and longest, continuous running event. This year, there are 1,277 registered NPLD sites (at press time) including Grand County. Our success is because of you and others like you who have contributed tremendous support in donating time, money, materials, labor and food every year. We have accomplished so much in 19 years with your assistance. All of us here in Grand County extend our appreciation for your continued support and hope to see you again on September 27th for our 20th NPLD event.

One of the reasons our site is popular is because we provide a variety of work sites to accommodate everyone's passion. This year we have five (5) project work sites. A brief description of projects is listed below. Please indicate which project stirs your interest and record it on the attached confirmation sheet (last page in packet). **Then either mail, fax or E-mail it in to us by Wednesday, September 24, 2014.** Addresses and fax number are on the confirmation sheet. You may still choose another project site on event day at registration, but a few of our projects have size limitations. Early confirmation helps us to plan for work crew distribution and meals.

1. **Continental Divide National Scenic Trail [NPS]:** Constructing two turnpikes, re-establishing tread and building soil and water erosion controls. Site will accommodate 35+ volunteers. Skill Rating: MODERATE TO DIFFICULT
2. **Creekside Trail [HTA]:** Repairing tread by removing rocks, reseeding and surface smoothing along one mile stretch of trail. Site will accommodate 30 volunteers and is family friendly. Skill rating: EASY TO DIFFICULT (darn those rocks)
3. **Fraser River Trail [BLM]:** Improving fish habitat by stabilizing the Fraser River with willow plantings and shoreline erosion control measures. Site manager is requesting 25 enthusiastic people to assist with this project. It is recommended you bring boots or waders. Skill rating: MODERATE TO DIFFICULT
4. **South Fork Loop Trail [USFS]:** Protecting valuable watershed and riparian areas by constructing a bridge in the Idlewild Trail System near Winter Park, CO. This trail includes hiking a long hilly section that may challenge some inexperienced hikers. Site will accommodate 25 to 30 volunteers. Skill rating: MODERATE TO DIFFICULT
5. **Upper Colorado River Cleanup [BLM]:** Join the BLM in the 5th Annual River Cleanup, clearing trash and debris along a 15 mile-three-section stretch of the Colorado River, beginning at Pumphouse Recreation Area to State Bridge. All work is accessed by floating the river. Space is available for approximately 50 volunteers who do not have their own boats with pre-registration highly recommended. If you are providing your own boat, then pre-registration is not necessary. Volunteers can meet at Pumphouse Recreation Area instead of the Inn at SilverCreek. Volunteers may choose between a volunteer appreciation BBQ at Pumphouse or the main party at the Inn at SilverCreek at the end of the day. This is a family-friendly work site. Participants are encouraged to bring their own boats, PFDs, and/or paddles. For more information or to pre-register, contact Hannah Schechter at (970) 724-3008. Skill rating: EASY TO MODERATE



Saturday, September 27, 2014
Granby, Colorado
Event Day Information

Welcome to Grand County's 20th National Public Lands Day!!!

We are expecting a large number of people participating at our work sites and it is important for everyone to do their part in preparing themselves and their gear for the day. Please read this information carefully. If you have any questions, please contact BJ Duffy at (970) 887-4120 [USFS Sulphur Ranger District], John Monkouski at (970) 724-3040 [BLM Kremmling District Office] or Maura McKnight at (970) 726-1013 [Headwaters Trails Alliance]. You may also find general event information by visiting the national website at: www.publiclandsday.org or the USDA Forest Service website at: www.fs.usda.gov/arp.

PLEASE NOTE: THIS YEAR'S NPLD REGISTRATION AND VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER WILL BE HELD AT THE INN AT SILVERCREEK OUTSIDE OF GRANBY, CO. ALL VOLUNTEERS ARE REQUESTED TO MEET AGENCY PERSONNEL AT THE INN AT SILVERCREEK ON EVENT DAY AND NOT AT SITE LOCATIONS.

Directions to Registration at the Inn at SilverCreek:

From Denver: Take I-70 west to exit 232 for US Highway 40. Proceed through Empire, Berthoud Falls, over Berthoud Pass then through the towns of Winter Park, Fraser and Tabernash. Continue west on US Hwy 40 to just before the traffic light at the City Market intersection. Turn right (east) at the Granby Ranch entrance then the first left for the Inn at SilverCreek. Travel behind the condos to the back entrance between F and G lots. Parking will be available in either lot. It is approximately 2 hours driving time from Denver.

From Estes Park: Travel west on US Highway 34, through Big Thompson Canyon, Rocky Mountain National Park and Grand Lake until you reach the intersection with US Highway 40 just west of Granby. Turn east (left) onto US Hwy 40 and drive about 2 miles just pass the traffic light at City Market and turn left into the Granby Ranch and left again to enter the Inn at SilverCreek complex. Travel behind the condos to the back entrance between F and G lots. Parking will be available in either lot. Drive time from Estes Park is approximately 2.5 hours (total distance from the US Hwy 40/US Hwy 34 junction is approximately 3.5 miles).



Where to Stay

The Inn at SilverCreek will have rooms available at discounted prices by using the code words “Federal Lands Day”. Reservations can be made by calling toll-free at 888-878-3077, Option #2. Other area lodging may not be available at a discount for this event, but it is off-season. To obtain information regarding other area lodging facilities and for any other questions, the following Chambers of Commerce will be happy to help you: Winter Park/Fraser Valley Chamber at (800) 903-7275; Granby Chamber at (970) 887-2311, Grand Lake Chamber at (970) 627-3402; or the Kremmling Chamber at (970) 724-3482.

Campgrounds

The USFS and NPS campgrounds are usually open with reduced services and with some closures this time of year. **Timber Creek Campground** in Rocky Mountain National Park will be left open for Friday and Saturday nights. If a Park Ranger or campground host should stop by, the password for free camping is “**National Public Lands Day**”. However, there will only be a few sites available and they will be on a first come, first serve, “reduced services” basis, since the regular season is over. This means that there will be no water, trash pick-up or regular toilet facility maintenance (for example, no toilet paper). Only campsite and restrooms will be provided. Campers will be responsible to “pack it in and pack it out” and be prepared with your own necessities. The gates may swing shut, but will be unlocked. Please leave gates closed so as not to invite non-NPLD participants to take camping spots free of charge. There are many other campgrounds and dispersed camping areas near this year’s event sites. For more information call the Sulphur Ranger District at (970) 887-4100.

The Day of the Event Schedule (Saturday, September 27th)

07:00am	Registration at Inn at SilverCreek and continental breakfast
07:45am	Buses or vans depart for work sites
08:30am	Buses or vans arrive at work sites
12:00pm	Lunch on the trail
04:30pm	Buses or vans leave work sites and return to the Inn at SilverCreek
05:00-09:00pm	Appetizers, dinner, door prizes, party and live music

What You Will Be Doing

Volunteers will be divided into crews of approximately 15 people during registration, and a variety of physical tasks will be assigned. Each work site has a difficulty rating, and crew bosses will be available to describe details of the work. Safety sessions will occur before any work begins. If you are interested in off-trail work or are unable to perform physical labor, please let us know. We may have some administrative and food preparation duties available. Arrive early at registration and a coordinator will try to accommodate your volunteer preferences.

What to Wear

The work sites are in high, mountainous areas so be prepared for cold, warm, wet or dry weather!! NPLD will not be postponed or rescheduled unless weather conditions are severe. Dress in layers and avoid cotton fabrics if you can. We suggest a change of clothing for the dinner and party.

What to Bring

Rain gear (jacket, pants)	Sturdy leather gloves
Insect repellent	Sunscreen
Sun glasses	Cap or hat
Long-sleeved shirt	Sturdy work pants (no shorts)
Drinking water	Special food needs or medications (if necessary)
Tote bag	Sturdy work boots (no sneakers or sandals)

Safety

Safety is always our first concern. We will avoid putting you in hazardous situations, but please keep in mind our area has been decimated by a mountain pine beetle infestation. Be aware of your surroundings at all times while navigating our trails. In addition, we will have several people monitoring work throughout the day to spot and correct unsafe conditions.

The work sites are remote. All are at or above 8,500 feet in elevation. If you have a condition that restricts your activity, please let your crew boss know. There are a wide variety of tasks to be done. We will find something appropriate for you. If one of the Crew Leaders or Safety Officers feels that you are poorly equipped or are physically unsuited for arduous work, we reserve the right to ask you to perform tasks that minimize risk.

For safety and liability reasons, there are age limits for volunteers. For those over 18 years of age, your signature at the time of registration is sufficient. For those 16 to 18 years old, we need a co-signature of a parent or guardian to work on the trails. Children between the ages of 12 and 16 may accompany their parents or guardians, but must be under direct supervision and will not be covered by any of the agencies in the event of illness or incidental injury attributable to the work project. Because access and parking are limited at most work sites, all participants must ride buses or vans to their work sites, or first check with agency staff. Due to the nature of physical maintenance on the projects, we can not assume the responsibility for children under the age of 12.

Day Care

We do not know of any Day Care Providers in the Valley that take drop-ins at this time. You can try either the Winter Park/Fraser Valley Chamber of Commerce to see if they have an updated list of local babysitters at (970) 726-4118 or the Colorado State Workforce Center at (970) 887-1857.

Other Information

Please leave your pets, horses, llamas or other animals at home for the day. Pets may create unsafe conditions at the work sites distracting the participants, and may not be welcome by other volunteers. In addition, please leave skateboards, roller blades and other recreational equipment at home, hotel or campsite. Even though it is fun to “play” during lunch with this equipment, the use also creates a safety hazard in some areas.

The Forest Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, Headwaters Trails Alliance and other partners will supply you with tools, hard hats, goggles, and other protective gear depending on your trail work duties.

All meals will be provided by several of our generous sponsors and partners. If you have **special dietary needs**, please let your crew boss know during registration, or you can make your own arrangements for your meals and snacks. We do have vegetarian and gluten-free options available for each meal, but they tend to go quickly.

Please be on time! We can not detain buses and other crews while waiting for late arrivals. If you are unavoidably delayed, there will be someone at the registration area who can assist you and make sure you get to a work site, but you may not have a choice of location. There is not enough space at the trailheads for volunteers to drive their personal vehicles to the work sites.



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The following pages list some of our numerous contributors who are helping to build and protect trails in Grand County and are committed to good land stewardship in one of Colorado's most beautiful settings....



SPONSORS, PARTNERS, AND CONTRIBUTORS

These are our Major Supporters for National Public Lands Day. When in town, please support their businesses and thank them for their contributions to this important event.

We are proud to list some of the businesses and individuals that have a genuine concern for trails and generously offered their help and/or products this year to make this day a success:

Active Images	Full Circle Cyclery	Pole Creek Golf Club
Alco	Grand Adventures	Poncho & Lefty's
Arapahoe Lodge	Grand Lake Art Gallery	Power World Sports
Bistro 28 at Pole Creek	Grand Lake Hardware	R & J Liquors
Blue Water Bakery	Grand Pizza	Radio Shack
Bob Scott's Indian Jewelry	Grand River Coffee Company	Randi's Grill & Pub
Brooks Veterinary Service	Guest Guide Publications	Republic National Distributing
Carver's Bakery	Hernando's Pizza Pub	Rise & Shine Café
Cascades Book Shop	Humphrey's Cabin Fever	Rocky Mountain Roastery
Channel 17	Inn at SilverCreek	Rudi's Deli
City Market	McDonald's	Safeway
Cole Ratzlaff	Mountain Grind	Sagebrush BBQ & Grill
Colorado River Outfitters	Mountain Mongrels	Sani-King
Crooked Creek	Mountain Parks Electric	Sharky's
Cyndi McCoy	Mustachios	Smokin' Moe's Ribhouse
DeAntonio's Pizza	Natl Sports Center for Disabled	Spirit Lake Traders
Devil's Thumb Ranch	Never Summers Mtn Products	Subway
Fat Cat Cafe	O-a Bistro	Wildhorse Gourmet
Fontenot's Seafood Grill	Pearl Dragon	Winter Park Optical
Frito Lay	Pepsi Co.	Winter Park Resort

In addition, these Individuals have made special commitments to National Public Lands Day:

BJ Duffy	Gary McGraw	Louise & Graham Powers
Brian Slagle	Jack Dugwyler	Maura Fahey
Cindy Kleh	Jane Pfaff	Maura McKnight
Diana Lynn & Charlie Rau	Jim Mills	Miles Miller
Echo Zoyiopoulos	John Monkouski	Nick Schade
Erica Bean	Ken Rybkiewicz	Ted & Lynda Parker
Hannah Schechter	Lucinda Elicker	Todd Holzwarth

We would like to acknowledge the following for their participation, transportation and/or educational efforts:

Arapahoe Lodge	Home James Transportation
Bill Ross	Mathew Clementi
Fraser Valley Metropolitan Recreation District	Penny Dibble
Granby Recreation District	Reid Armstrong
Grand Adventures, LLC	Roger Rood
Grand Lake Metropolitan Recreation District	Teri Parvin

There is an impressive list of Non-Profit Organizations that are helping:

Boys & Girls Scouts of America	Grand County Wilderness Group
Colorado Association of 4WD Clubs	Mile Hi Snowmobile Club
Colorado Mountain Club	Rocky Mountain Conservancy
Colorado Off-Highway Vehicle Coalition	Trout Unlimited
Fraser Valley Lion's Club	YMCA Snow Mountain Ranch

We are thankful to the Local, State and National Organizations and Individuals that have given this event the necessary monetary funding, in addition to federal funds:

Colorado State Parks	Town of Fraser
Family of Lou Tyler	Town of Grand Lake
Fraser Valley Partnerships for Trails	Town of Winter Park
Grand County Board of Commissioners	Water Environment Federation
Grand County Road & Bridge	Wildfire Mitigation & Restoration
Headwaters Trails Alliance	

There is a wide range of Government and Government-Related support from these Agencies also committed to the Trails Program in Grand County:

Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forest (USFS)	Grand Lake Chamber of Commerce
Colorado Division of Parks & Wildlife (CPW)	Kremmling Chamber of Commerce
Colorado State Forest Service	Kremmling Field Office (BLM)
East Grand Fire Department	Natl Environmental Education Foundation
East & West Grand Schools	Rocky Mountain National Park (NPS)
Granby Chamber of Commerce	Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado
Grand County EMS	Winter Park/Fraser Chamber of Commerce
Grand County Search & Rescue	



National Public Lands Day

September 26 -29, 2014

**Inn at SilverCreek in Granby will be
hosting the 2014 Event!**

Please call 1-888-878-3077 Option 2 to make your reservation. Mention the
"Federal Lands Day" to receive the event discount



The Inn at SilverCreek is Professionally Managed by The Alderwood Group



Participant Release Form

General Information

Name (PLEASE PRINT) Age (if a minor)

Parent/Legal Guardian Name (if a minor)

Street Address

City, State, and Zip Code

Email

Phone Number

Signed Media and Information Release

Minors (under the age of 18) must have a parent/legal guardian sign below.

I give to the National Environmental Education & Training Foundation, operating as the National Environmental Education Foundation (NEEF), its assigns, nominees and agents unlimited permission to use, publish, republish and share with media, partners and sponsors, information about me and video, photographic or digital images and reproductions of my likeness (photographic, video, or otherwise) and my voice, whether or not related to any affiliation with the National Environmental Education Foundation, with or without my name, solely for the advancement and promotion of environmental education.

Signature Date

Signature of parent/legal guardian (if a minor) Date



Photographer Release Form

General Information

Name (PLEASE PRINT) Age (if a minor)

Parent/Legal Guardian Name (if a minor)

Street Address

City, State, and Zip Code

Email

Phone Number

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Signature Date

Signature of parent/legal guardian (if a minor) Date



Celebrating 20 years in Grand County, Colorado

September 27, 2014

Volunteer Confirmation Sheet

Please print clearly:

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Signature: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____
(for minors under 18 years)

Project Site Name: _____

Optional:

1. How did you hear about our NPLD event? What can we do to improve our event? What type of project would you like us to do next year?
2. May we have your permission to use any photos taken by our photographers on event day?

Demographic Information for Agency Reports and Grant Applications

Sex:	Male	_____	Female	_____	
Age Group:	Under 21	_____	21 to 54	_____	55& Above _____
Ethnic Group:	White	_____	African-American	_____	Asian _____
	Hispanic	_____	Native American	_____	Other _____

Please return this sheet by Monday, September 22, 2014 to:

USDA Forest Service

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